

9 Headlines That Misrepresent Israeli Aggression Against Palestinians

These are just some of the headlines and narratives that have left readers angry that news coverage following the Sheikh Jarrah protests, and the brutal Israeli response, doesn't reflect reality.

Israel's war on Palestinians isn't just unfolding on the ground, it's also a battle of narratives, pictures, and headlines that inform global public opinion about what's happening on the ground.

Language, terminology and emphasis are essential ingredients that can either provide clarity or a lack of context.

In this war of narratives, Palestinians have to contend with a media machinery, mainly in Western countries that often underplays, misreports or equalises protests by the occupied with the violence of the occupier.

Increasingly, however, there is a fightback by ordinary people, activists and Palestinians holding the media to account and informing millions.

These are just some of the headlines that have misrepresented the conflict.

German state broadcaster Deutsche Welle [Tweeted](#) to its almost half a million followers: "Palestinian health officials in the Gaza Strip say 20 people, including nine children, have been killed in fighting with Israel." The headline suggests children died fighting Israel when that wasn't the case.

Some asked: "[How were the children fighting?](#)"



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Is the German state broadcaster Deutsche Welle misleading its readers? (Twitter)

The Associated Press (AP) is a global news agency with its stories republished by more than [1,300 newspapers and broadcasters](#) around the world.

Its headline 'Rockets kill 2 Israelis; 26 die in Gaza as Israel hits Hamas' uses an active voice to describe Israeli deaths while using a passive voice to describe Palestinian victims of Israeli airstrikes.

Rockets kill 2 Israelis; 26 die in Gaza as Israel hits Hamas

By FARES AKRAM and JOSEF FEDERMAN 12 minutes ago



How do Palestinians die? 'Rockets kill 2 Israelis; 26 die in Gaza as Israel hits Hamas' (AP)

Palestinian victims die without a cause. And such headlines are often copied [and pasted](#) by [media houses](#) around the world. The headline also leads with the lower number of dead, suggesting a hierarchy of importance.

Similarly, Reuters, another global news agency, leads with the headline 'Hamas and Israel trade blows as Jerusalem unrest ignites Gaza.'



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Equal sides, equal power? (Reuters)

The headline suggests that Hamas, a resistance movement fighting occupation, is an equal opponent of Israel, a nuclear-armed state backed by the latest US-made military arsenal.

In another headline, Reuters again misleads audiences in a headline stating, "Palestinians stone Israeli car, which crashes, as Jerusalem seethes."



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Innocent car driver or a weaponised car? (Reuters)

The headline remained even as video footage quickly emerged that the driver had used his car [to ram into innocent civilian bystanders](#).

In the United States, the popular right-wing tabloid, the New York Post completely reversed casualties of Israeli airstrikes on the civilian population of Gaza. In fact, two Israelis were killed. The less said, the better.



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Airstrikes from Hamas militants kill 20 in Israel, including nine kids

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Misreporting deaths.

One of the most striking words in the latest round of violence by the Israeli military on occupied Palestinians has been the word "clashes."

Whether it's a conscious decision to obfuscate or whether because it's a convenient word, the word "clashes" does not assign blame to any party. For Israel, the use of the word is a propaganda victory, it means the occupier is not seen as the root cause of protests by Palestinians.

At least 100 injured in 2nd night of clashes between Israeli police and Palestinians in Jerusalem, Palestinian Red Crescent says

By Andrew Carey, Abeer Salman and Mitchell

McCluskey, CNN

🕒 Updated 0918 GMT (1718 HKT) May 9, 2021



Is the occupier and the occupied equal?

Israelis and Palestinians Clash Around Jerusalem's Old City

The violence broke out as an extremist Jewish supremacy group marched in the city, chanting, "Death to Arabs."

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Is clash a euphemism for what's actually happening?

Israeli government propaganda often claims that its military violence is a "response" to Palestinians' actions. Too often, global media outlets are only happy to toe that line. Remember that it's Israel that is the occupying power, not the Palestinians.



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Israel responds to Hamas rockets with airstrikes after Israeli police and Palestinian protesters clash



Health officials in Gaza report at least 20 people killed as rocket fire draws heavy Israeli retaliation

Are the occupied to blame for their occupation?

The New York Times

Gaza Militants Fire Rockets at Jerusalem; Israel Responds With Airstrikes

Patrick Kingsley and Isabel Kershner · 21 hrs ago



JERUSALEM — In a sudden crescendo of violence on Monday evening, militants in Gaza fired rockets toward Jerusalem and the Israeli military responded with airstrikes. The exchange followed a police raid that morning on the Aqsa Mosque, one of Islam's holiest sites, that left hundreds of Palestinians and a score of police officers wounded, capping weeks of unrest in the city.

Are the occupied allowed to liberate themselves?